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## BELIEVE RODGERS IS MAN WANTED BY MANY RAILROADS

Detectives Declare They Have Made Important Capture of Baggage Thief.

### MAN REFUSES TO TALK

New York Police Asked to Look Out There for Supposed Confederates.

Lewis Rodgers, a young white man, purporting to hail from New York, was arrested at the Southern depot at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon, and now faces the charge of having stolen, with confederates yet unknown, thousands of dollars' worth of baggage from the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad and from other large and important trunk lines of the country.

Rodgers was nabbed at the station by Detective Scherer, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, and Detective Sergeant Forrest Bailey and J. L. Wiltshire as he was in the act of shipping two trunks which had been brought to Mrs. H. McGuire, at 243 Seventh Avenue, New York City. Checks for the trunks were found in his possession, and two other trunks, known to have been stolen from a Chesapeake and Ohio train at Gordonsville, were also found by the detectives on another day, supposed to have been shipped by a confederate of Rodgers. This confederate was not discovered. He may have been in the crowd and seen the arrest of Rodgers, and then made his escape, or he might not have arrived at the depot when Rodgers was placed under arrest.

### Warrant Sworn Out.

In all, four pieces of baggage were discovered. One was checked from Miami, Fla., to Chicago; one from Pinehurst, N. C., to Miami; and another from Philadelphia to Hot Springs, and still another from Rocky Mount, N. C., to Harrisonburg, Va. The trunks left this city on January 7, and on Wednesday, January 9th, at Gordonsville, it is alleged, the checks were changed while the trunks were in transit on a truck from one train to another; false checks were substituted in place of the proper ones; the baggage was shipped to Charlottesville, and thence to this city yesterday. The trunks were shipped to the lower depot at Charlottesville, and taken thence by drays to the Union Depot, whence they were checked to Richmond.

The train on which the trunks were first properly checked had to wait at Gordonsville for an hour, and the checks could easily have been changed by men who knew how to work in the dim light at that station without being detected. It was said that none of the men who had the trunks had any idea of the check-changing. The trunks were missing, and were asked to look out for them. The detective knew that in a like robbery a year ago the trunks had been checked to Charlottesville, and thence to Richmond, and acting on the supposition that the same plan would be followed in the present instance, at once put himself on the lookout for the men in Richmond. He, with Detectives Bailey and Wiltshire, went to the Southern depot about twenty minutes before the train was due, and arrested Rodgers as he was exchanging checks with the draymen.

Mr. Scherer swore out a warrant yesterday morning before Judge J. J. McCarthy, charging Rodgers, alias H. McGuire, with unlawfully and feloniously stealing and carrying away four trunks of baggage, valued at \$3,000. Rodgers appeared in the Police Court on the charge of being a suspicious character, and had his case postponed for hearing to January 17th. Mr. Harry Glenn was retained as counsel.

The detectives report that since his incarceration Rodgers has received a telegram stating that he may rest assured of every assistance in defending himself against the charge with which he is accused. Mr. Scherer, however, feels pretty well assured that he is the right man, and intends prosecuting the prisoner vigorously. Rodgers says that he hails from New York, but he has the accent of a Southerner. He is about five feet eight inches tall, about twenty-five years of age, weighs about 190 pounds, has dark hair and complexion, and at the time of the arrest wore a dark suit of clothes and a dark raincoat.

Detective Scherer has arranged to work the New York end of the case, having already telegraphed the police there to be on the lookout for the "other man."

**Important Capture, They Say.**

It is believed by the detectives that Rodgers is one of a gang that has been operating on the big railroads with much success for the last year. Many thousands of dollars have been stolen by the check-changing method. After changing the checks and substituting others in their place, it was easy for the men to have the baggage forwarded to their destinations.

Mr. C. Lorraine, general baggage agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, has many checks which have been substituted for the proper ones, and has in his possession the very checks which it is alleged that Rodgers used.



LEWIS RODGERS.

In stealing the four trunks found yesterday.

The trunks were hauled to the depot by the Merchants' Parcel Delivery Company. Mr. Willie Epps, of that company, saw the men, but said last night that he did not know them. He was asked if he would go to New York at the expense of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company to identify the other man if the latter was found. He stated last night that he had decided not to go. An endeavor will be made to secure a specimen of Rodgers's handwriting, as an aid to further identification. An attempt was made to have Rodgers have a photograph taken of himself, but he and his lawyer, Mr. Harry Glenn, both refused to have this done.

### Believed to Be Right Man.

Four chief special agents of as many big trunk lines arrived in the city last night to investigate the case of the alleged railroad thief. All the agents are unanimous in believing that Detective Scherer, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, and Detective Sergeant Bailey and Wiltshire have caught the right man. No further word was received last night from New York, where it is believed some of the baggage stolen before was sent to.

The special agents here are B. S. Graham, of the Pennsylvania Railroad; John P. Brew, of the New Haven; G. E. Spencer, of the Pennsylvania; and W. S. Connolly, of the Southern. All are quartered at Murphy's Hotel.

### Meeting in Midnight Mission.

A meeting will be held to-night in the Midnight Mission, 1434 East Franklin Street. All welcome. Services will begin at 9 P. M. Close at midnight.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE ORGANIZES FOR WORK

### Teachers Ready to Begin Argument for Increase of Salaries.

The special joint committee of the Council Committee on Investigation of the Public School System met yesterday afternoon at the City Hall to organize for its work. The committee consists of Councilman W. Fred Richardson, chairman; Aldermen Marx Gunst and W. H. Adams and Councilmen H. R. Pollard, Jr., and John P. Lea.

Chairman Richardson called the committee to order, and plans for beginning the work were discussed and arranged. Little was done further than organizing for the inquiry, however. Mr. Richardson, the mover of the resolution creating the committee, stated briefly his purpose in doing so, and other members contributed their views informally.

Hon. D. C. Richardson stated that he had been asked by some young ladies employed as school teachers to appear before the board, but on being informed that the committee was not yet ready for its work, he retired. It is understood he will advocate the increase of salaries of teachers, a matter referred to this committee by the Common Council, or which it is proposed to refer.

## NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE

Carrington and Company Withdraw Petition to Erect Iron Building.

JAMES W. CARR HURT

The Name of Mr. E. K. Sampson Now Mentioned in Connection With Postmastership.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, No. 1102 Hull Street.

The first regular meeting of the City Assembly of the new year was held last night with all its members present except Mr. C. C. Jones. Many citizens and property-owners were in attendance, chiefly owing to the fact that an important matter expected to come up was the fight against the corrugated iron shed of the tobacco company. To the surprise of all, Mr. E. H. Wells, who represented Carrington & Co., stated that the company had purchased the lot and had withdrawn the petition as to the erection of an iron building. Just what the company will do is unknown, but it is believed by many that a brick building will be erected.

Other matters of small moment were discussed, and the meeting adjourned. Those present were: Messrs. J. D. Reams, president; L. L. Toney, L. E. Brown, W. D. Ferguson, H. A. Lindsey, T. E. Taylor, M. A. Campbell, A. A. Adkins, C. C. Cox, B. A. Nunnally and W. B. Bradley.

### Mr. Carr Hurt.

James W. Carr, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Carr, of No. 311 West Eleventh Street, was hurt on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad yesterday afternoon, about 2 o'clock. Young Carr, who is a call-boy on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, was on an engine, and was thrown from it and carried some distance, being bruised about the limbs very badly. Dr. L. W. Ingram was immediately called, and attended the young man. He says that none of his bones are broken, only that he was badly scratched and bruised.

Councilman Ferguson is confined in his home on Nineteenth, between Poythoven and Buchanan Streets, as a result of a fall, in which his left arm and right leg were broken. He was taken to the hospital, and is now being treated by Dr. L. W. Ingram. He is expected to be discharged in a few days.

### Postmaster Not Selected.

Reports yesterday were to the effect that the name of Mr. E. K. Sampson is playing an important part in the question of the postmastership of Manchester. Mr. Sampson is a molder in the Southern Shops. He is very strong with the labor organizations, and this fact, perhaps, is responsible for the mention of his name in connection with the appointment.

In some quarters yesterday morning it was expected that the appointment of the Manchester postmaster would be made at once, but as yet nothing has been ascertained. Whether Mr. Sampson or Mr. T. H. Smith will succeed Mr. E. K. Sampson will be decided by the board of directors. The announcement is expected to be made to-day.

### Roll of Honor.

The following is the roll of honor of Swansboro Public School:

First Primary Grade—Curtis, Davis, Mary Turner, Lucile Moore, Florence Harrison, Roy Williams, Richard Robb, Graham McCann, Vernon Madison, Dreyfus, C. Taylor, Nellie Patram, Hunter Harding.

Second Primary Grade—Julian Fowler, Curtis Clay, Tom Hancock, Esther Morrisett, Eugene Kahl.

Third Primary Grade—Kate Harding, Margaret Gary, Hazel Knowles, Henry Brown, Briggs Morrisett, Marian Madron.

Fourth Primary Grade—Bertha Faison, Cassey Lowrey.

Fifth Primary Grade—Ethel Clarke, Essie Gill, Linda Harrison, Janie Rock, Cora Bedford.

First Grammar Grade—Stanley Morrisett, Claude Knowles, Ennis Cosby, Effie Clarke.

### In the Churches.

At Balabridge Street Baptist Church to-morrow the Rev. J. B. Haldy will occupy his pulpit at the morning service. He will preach on the topic, "Canst thou by strength prevail?" The Rev. Dr. W. E. Taylor, of Petersburg, Va., will preach at the evening service, and Dr. Haldy will occupy Dr. Taylor's pulpit at the first service of the church of Petersburg at the same hour.

The midweek prayer-meeting at Balabridge Street church on Wednesday evening will be led by Mr. George B. Davidson, one of the young men of the church.

Rev. C. D. Woodward, pastor of the Cowardin Avenue Christian Church, will preach to-morrow morning on the following topic: "Pulling Them Out of the Fire."

### Two Deaths.

Mrs. O'Neil, of Oak Grove, received yesterday the sad news of the death of her daughter, Mrs. C. B. Wood, formerly Miss Agnes O'Neil, of this city. She was twenty-six years old. She is survived by her husband and an infant. Her three brothers left for New York yesterday afternoon at 4:10 o'clock.

The body will be sent to Manchester to-day.

John McIntosh died suddenly at his home at Granite, Chesterfield county, early yesterday morning, after a long illness. He was a well-known citizen, fifty-five years of age, and was born in Scotland. He came to this country and settled in Chesterfield, where he had operated a quarry for many years. Mr. McIntosh is survived by his wife and six children, three daughters and three sons. He was one of the most respected citizens of Chesterfield.

### Committee to Attend Funeral.

By order of Commander B. M. Robertson, the following committee of the Joseph E. Johnson Camp will attend the funeral of Mr. Samuel Creed Taylor, of No. 1022 Perry Street, which day Thursday night, Messrs. James A. Lipcomb, C. P. Waldbill, Judge J. M. Gregory, B. M. Robertson, Richard C. Jones and J. P. Fensholt.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The interment will be made in Maury Cemetery.

### Personals and Briefs.

Mr. William E. Brown is seriously ill in his home at No. 1123 Hull Street.

Mr. Seldon Bates is quite ill in his home, No. 1720 Buchanan Street.

Master Maurice Lee, of No. 912 Balabridge Street, is quite sick.

Mrs. Samuel Wicks, of No. 14 East Eleventh Street, is recovering slowly from a recent severe illness.

Berkley, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Adams, is ill in his home in Porter Street.

Mr. Augustine Royall will sell at public auction Wednesday afternoon, January 16th, the store and dwelling No. 912 Hull Street. The building has seven rooms, in addition to the store, and is on a lot fronting thirty-six feet on Hull Street and eighty-nine feet deep.

John Crente, courthouse janitor, who has been ill since January 1st, is out to-day.

The Dew-Drop Society was entertained yesterday by Mrs. C. O. Woodward, of No. 1123 Hull Street. The society was the ending of the contest. Four prizes were awarded for attendance and lessons.

### Lyons's Will.

W. R. Lyons, a successful colored barber, who died a few weeks ago, leaving

## ARBITER TO DECIDE NEW JAIL DISPUTE



ARCHITECT BRYANT AND CONTRACTOR ROSE DISCUSSING MATTER BEFORE SUPERVISORS.

### Contractors Exonerated of Any Desire to Defraud County. Session of Supervisors Yesterday Was Very Tame.

The board of supervisors of Henrico county yesterday afternoon heard the complaint of Architect Charles K. Bryant against the plumbing contractor, Mr. John E. Rose, Mayor of Barton Heights, and reached a decision in the nature of a compromise, expressing the belief that Messrs. Fensom and Rose had not made any effort to defraud the county, as charged in the debate at the last meeting.

The board, however, felt that the question at issue was a technical one, involving various grades of plumbing material, and agreed to call in its arbiter between Messrs. Bryant and Rose, Mr. William T. Yarbrough, vice-president of the G. & A. Bargainin Co., the decision of the three in regard to the material to be held to be final.

The board was called to order by Chairman Frayer at 3:30 P. M., and all four members were present—Messrs. Frayer, Saunders, Barnes and Browning. Clerk Waddill acted as clerk of the meeting.

The entire matter was gone over in some details, but an occasional short passage was the only indication of a difference of opinion. Considering all things, the session was very harmonious, and the result was apparently satisfactory to all concerned. The contractor presented his side of the case fully, and the result was adoption of the following resolution, which any further action will be taken.

"Resolved, That the controversy between the architect and Messrs. Fensom and Rose is due to a misunderstanding of the exact terms of the specifications, which has led to a difference in construing the same; a controversy which might have been avoided had there been a full conference between the architect and Fensom and Rose.

"That the board wishes to exonerate Messrs. Fensom and Rose from any wrongdoing.

"It further wishes to uphold their architect in calling their attention to the character of fixtures as furnished by Fensom and Rose. It is agreed on the part of the board and the said Fensom and Rose to submit to W. T. Yarbrough, of G. & A. Bargainin Co., the question of whether the pipe used by said Fensom and Rose is such as is required by specifications, and whether the hoppers to be used, known as the Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Hopper, is the best for the purpose, and to have the same referred to the Mott Hopper, as originally called for in the specifications."

Mr. Bryant apologized to the board for any hasty expression he had made, as meaning no disrespect, but continued: "Every word I have said with regard to this plumbing matter I mean, and I don't feel called upon to apologize. I did not accuse you, Mr. Rose, of robbing the county. I simply stated facts in regard to the county's contracts."

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an estate valued at \$15,000, left a will naming George W. Lewis, a colored attorney, as executor. In the will several charitable institutions are remembered, and the sum of \$500, among them the Home for Incurables, to which was left the sum of \$100. The balance of the estate goes to the trustees of the Henrico County Jail. A previous publication to the effect that the estate was to his wife was incorrect. Lyons was not married.

## TO LECTURE HERE ON PLAYGROUNDS

### Dr. Henry S. Curtis, Secretary of National Organization, Coming to Richmond.

Dr. Henry S. Curtis, secretary of the Playground Association of America, will give a very instructive illustrated lecture at the Y. M. C. A. Hall Wednesday, January 16th, at 8:20 P. M. Dr. Curtis comes to Richmond at the invitation of the Civic Improvement League, which is promoting the playground movement in Richmond. He stands at the head of speakers in this country on playgrounds, and he will show hundreds of beautiful pictures on playgrounds that have been established throughout the United States.

Richmond has for the past three or four years been operating through the Civic Improvement League a playground at Nineteenth and Main Streets. There have been as many as 400 children registered on their books. The ladies interested in kindergarten work have taught these children how to play, and the influence over them has been something wonderful. The St. Andrew's (Wesleyan) on Oregon Hill, has been operating a playground for the past two years, and hopes very materially to enlarge its space the coming year. Miss Grace Arens having offered to buy a large tract of land from the city on which to establish the permanent playground. All those who attend the lecture Wednesday night will be fully repaid for their trouble. No charge of admission will be made.

The playground movement in the United States keeps growing with rapid strides, and since the congestion of large cities has not only threatened the playgrounds on the street for recreation, but through this tends to make his energy expand itself in ways inimical to the individual and the State—e. g., street gangs—the playground association further affirms its belief that the maintenance of playgrounds is not a matter of ornamental philanthropy, but is a part of the system of education of the State, and necessary to the development of the whole nation and not of the mind only; and that it is the duty of the State to insure and maintain such places, space, and opportunity for all public bodies and articles in the playgrounds and in the curriculum of the schools for all its growing citizens. The Playground Association of America pledges itself to make every effort to bring this about.

The purpose of this association is to collect and distribute knowledge, and promote interest in playgrounds throughout the country. It will seek to further the establishment of playgrounds and athletic fields in all communities and direct play in connection with the schools. It will aim, as soon as finances make it possible, to establish in Washington or New York a national playground museum and library, which shall have models of every playground construction and apparatus, a library of all public books and articles relating to play, pictures of games and playgrounds throughout the world, and an information department which shall furnish cities or towns with lectures, pictures, articles, or advice on any phase of the work.

The work for the better in neighborhoods where playgrounds have been provided is marked. Happiness for the children, relief for the tired mothers of the nation, and the best of all, the ideal that makes for good citizenship, is a brief summary of results.

Monday, January 14th, 8:30 P. M., Association Hall—Jefferson and DeBility vs. "Molly Vagabond." Men only free.

Tuesday, January 15th, 4 P. M.—"American Indians"; illustrated by fine stereoscopic views. Association Hall.

Thursday, January 17th, 8:30 P. M.—"Avoidable Causes of Disease"; Association Hall. Free. Men, women and their men friends free.

Friday, January 18th, 8:30 P. M.—"Aetna and Vesuvius"; fine stereoscopic views; popular entertainment course; Association Hall.

Some Conversational Bible Class will meet as usual immediately following the men's meeting Sunday afternoon; the Gymnasium Bible Class at the usual hour; also the younger young men.

The Sunday School Study Club will meet at 5 o'clock this afternoon in the Association Hall under the leadership of Rev. Dr. E. L. Poll. All Sunday school workers are cordially invited.

### REVENUE OFFICES.

Mr. Lowry Talked With Secretary About Going to Fredericksburg.

While in Washington last week Internal Revenue Collector M. K. Lowry talked with Secretary Shaw, of the Treasury Department, about the moving of the office to a new building in Fredericksburg, should a change become necessary, owing to congested conditions here. No agreement was reached and it is not at all likely that there will be any such change.

### MR. BROADBUSH TO RUN.

Will Be Candidate for Treasurer of Henrico.

Mr. John E. Broadbush, of Glen Allen, announced his candidacy yesterday for the position of treasurer of Henrico county. The campaign promises to be an interesting one, as there are already several candidates in the field.

Mr. Broadbush was for twelve years clerk of the Henrico Circuit Court.

### Rose Taken Back.

Captain C. P. Walker, of Bloodfield, Newport News, arrived in Richmond yesterday to take back with him Joseph Rose, a negro, who was wanted in the seaside city on a warrant charging him with having killed Annie Nash last Thanksgiving Day. Rose was arrested by Policeman Hughes on Wednesday.

## Gans-Rady Company's Semi-Annual Clearance Sale

Continues To-day.

\$16.50, \$18.00 and \$20.00 Men's Suits at \$12.75 each

\$22.50, \$25.00 and \$28.00 Men's Suits at \$16.00 each

Every Boys' Suit, Overcoat and Reefer in the house at reduced prices.

*Gans-Rady Company*

## CAMP-FIRE WAS GREAT SUCCESS

The Richmond Grays Afford a Brilliant Entertainment at the Armory.

MILITARY INTEREST IS HIGH

Several Entertainments by Other Companies—Elections and Changes.

The camp-fire and Christmas tree given by the Richmond Grays, Company A, Seventeenth Regiment, at the Regimental Armory last night, was, in the judgment of other officers, the most successful and creditable entertainment given in the armory by the military since the Spanish War. The entertainment attracted a large crowd of ladies and gentlemen and children, which occupied all available space not required by the manoeuvres, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Captain E. M. Hardy and his men had arranged all the details of the dual affair with great care, and the program was brilliantly carried out.

The first portion of the program was executed in the large drill hall of the armory. It had been equipped for the occasion, including a thicket of pines, behind which one detachment found shelter for a night attack on the camp of the other. In one corner of the room shelter tents had been spread and the men went through the routine of camp life, including the mess call, retreat, guard relief, lights out and taps, all of which were sounded by the bugler as if in real camp.

Soon after the melodious and soothing sound of taps had been heard and all in the darkened camp were supposed to be asleep, save the vigilant sentries, one of the guards challenged a detachment of the enemy, and failing to receive the proper response, fired a signal shot. Instantly the camp became alive and the guardsmen quickly roused to repel the night attack.

For about five minutes the magazine rifles were spitting fire in a menacing way, and the sentries in the thicket of pines engaged in a spirited skirmish. The crack of the Krags was almost continuous and added the spice of excitement which shooting always does. Finally the campers rallied and repelled the attack. The room was filled with the smell of powder and its smoke, but this lent realism to the performance.

The various features were interspersed with music by the Eagles' Band, which rendered many patriotic and appropriate selections.

After the battle the company was formed in line and marched down to the company room, where a Christmas tree was disclosed, loaded with appropriate gifts. The presentation of gifts to the members of the company was made by Captain Hardy, who was especially felicitous in his awards, and had the laugh on many of his comrades. Lieutenant Brady received a toy sword, the buglers received tiny buxies, some of the gifts were of the peculiarities of the points of pride of the recipients. Some of the gifts were very ridiculous.

After the fun was over the company held a meeting and elected Mr. Charles A. Weston, second lieutenant, to fill the vacancy. Lieutenant Weston formerly held this rank in the company, but gave it up, owing to the demands of business. It is believed that he can be induced to accept, in which event the company's complement of officers will be complete.

Company F, the Anderson Light Infantry, Captain J. H. Stone commanding, will give a musicale at the armory next Tuesday night, to which the friends of the men will be invited. An attractive program has been provided.

Company C is preparing for a pleasant evening at the armory on Monday night, January 21st. The program has not yet been announced, but the company always acquits itself creditably.

This afternoon the weekly target practice of the regiment will be held in the armory. This is one of the enjoyable features of the week to the soldier boys.

Major E. W. Bowles yesterday announced his appointment of his battalion officers as follows: Lieutenant T. J. Correll, of Company B, first lieutenant and adjutant; Dr. J. Fulmer Bright, surgeon; with the rank of first lieutenant, R. T. Glazebrook, quartermaster, with the rank of first lieutenant. These appointments are necessary to fill vacancies, the officers as follows: Chestwood's staff having tendered their resignations when he retired from the command. Company must soon elect some one to succeed Lieutenant Correll as a field officer. A first sergeant of the company will be named to succeed Sergeant Palmore, elected captain.

The members of the military companies of the city have been on the lookout for several days in anticipation of orders to go to Lynchburg or to Amherst to protect the negroes suspected of a heinous crime there, but up to this time no intimation of such an order has come.

The year has opened with more interest and enthusiasm in local military circles than any since the Spanish War. All of the companies are enthusiastic, and the outlook for the trip to the Jamestown Exposition is serving as a stimulus, together with the prospect of receiving new uniforms. The esprit du corps of the companies of the regiment is approximately the old time, and the comrades are engaging in friendly rivalry for the reputation of being the most interesting and attractive and the most efficient. Attendance on drills is steadily improving, and recruits are catching the enthusiasm.

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USE OIL BURNERS TO PREVENT SMOKE

Jefferson Hotel Taking Steps to Prevent Smoke Doing Damage to Furnishings.

A number of citizens living in the vicinity of the Jefferson Hotel have made a complaint to the management about the shower of soft coal soot which comes from the great chimney of the hotel.

A number of the most prominent residents of Richmond are in this neighborhood, and it is feared that if the nuisance is not abated valuable painting and frescoes as well as furnishings and curtains will be greatly damaged. The property owners, however, have always had the Locomotive Works, said Mr. Bryan, of a larger type than would probably be necessary at the Jefferson.

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